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the lines of steamers between Philadelphia and New York to resume their regular trips.

The annexed table shows the temperature of the atmosphere in New York during the past week, the range of the barometer, the variation of the wind currents, and the state of the weather at three periods during each day, viz: at 9 A. M., and 3 and 9 o'clock P. M.:

	9 A. M.	3 P. M.	9 P. M.
Bar.	30.00	30.00	30.00
Therm.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Wind	W.	W.	W.
Clouds	0	0	0
State of sky	Clear	Clear	Clear
State of weather	Fine	Fine	Fine

REMARKS: Saturday—Morning severe storm; afternoon rain; night clear.

Sunday—Morning, afternoon and night clear.

Monday—Morning, afternoon and night clear.

Tuesday—Morning, afternoon and night clear.

Wednesday—Morning and afternoon cloudy; night rain.

Thursday—Morning, afternoon and night foggy.

Friday—Morning foggy; afternoon cloudy; night heavy.

Saturday—Morning foggy; afternoon cloudy.

The cotton market was active on Saturday, and the sales for the day totaled about 6,000 bales, closing at an advance of about 1/4c. New crop middling upland at 17 1/2c, and middling Orleans do. at 18 1/2c. The stock of four best light holders held out for previous rates, and sales were made to a fair extent at steady prices. The stock of wheat was also light, and the receipts limited, which caused holders to demand very full prices, which checked sales. A cargo of Michigan red sold at \$1.65. Corn was more active, and the sales were more freely made, at 10c, from store, for Western mixed. Pork was firm, with rather more doing, including parcels of green and mottled, for roasting. Coffee was more active, with sales of Rio de Janeiro at 10c, and 10 1/2c. Freight was without change of importance. A private dispatch received on Saturday from Baltimore stated that navigation would be resumed on Monday.

GENERAL SCOTT AND THE SECRETARY OF WAR.—We have received from Washington a part (160 pages) of the printed document of the salt and pepper, or rather saltpeper, correspondence between General Scott and the War Office, "relating to the payments and allowances which have been made, and to the claims which have been allowed to Brevet Lieutenant General Scott, from the time when he joined the army serving in Mexico up to Dec. 1, 1856." In these 160 printed pages received, we discover nothing very remarkable or interesting about the bills of General Scott's confidential expenses in Mexico, which we give elsewhere in these columns. These items show the importance of the hard cash in clearing the way for the operations of armies. The item of ten thousand dollars to "— and —" two distinguished Mexican officers no doubt, is particularly suggestive of the patriotism, honor and utility of bribery in some cases, as contrasted with other cases. Between bribing a member of our own government and a member of a government with which we are at war, there is, in fact, as wide a distinction as between throat cutting on private and on public account.

The controversy upon the disputed claims and allowances demanded by General Scott, per centages or disbursements, &c., as far as we have it in the 160 printed pages received, extends from November, 1854, down to January, 1856; but the cream of the correspondence has yet to come. It appears to have taken the General-in-Chief and the Secretary of War from fifteen to eighteen months to warm up beyond the cool boundaries of official propriety into the fierce excitement of ungovernable rage—an excitement which is deplorable in regard to Gen. Scott, and disgraceful in reference to the Secretary of War. Under the spoils policy of this Pierce administration, millions upon millions of money have been wasted in various spoils and plunder schemes, and yet the President and his Cabinet have been wrangling with and worrying Gen. Scott, since 1854, upon a matter of a few thousand dollars of claims and allowances, which they contend should not be paid. Congress should long ago have put an end to this miserable penny wise and pound foolish quarrel with Gen. Scott, by voting him, in a special bill, every cent of his army claims and allowances, which are reasonable and economical enough, in all conscience. They should have done more. In the same bill they should have voted the distinguished soldier who has done so much for the honor, glory and prosperity of the country, a gratuity of one or two hundred thousand dollars. It is not yet too late to do something of the kind. But in any event, it is to be hoped that Congress will settle this controversy by voting to Gen. Scott every cent of the claims which have been disputed, and something extra, to which he is clearly entitled, but which he does not claim.

WAGON ROADS TO THE PACIFIC.—A GOOD BILL.—A bill has passed its third reading in the House of Representatives, appropriating \$300,000 for the construction of a wagon road from Fort Kearney, in Nebraska, via the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains, to the eastern boundary line of California, near Honey Lake; the said road to connect with and form an extension of the road already authorized from Fort Ridgely to the aforesaid South Pass. The sum of \$200,000 is also appropriated for the construction of a wagon road from El Paso to Fort Yuma, at the mouth of Gila river; and \$50,000 for the construction of a wagon road from Fort Independence, New Mexico, to the Colorado river. These are practical and useful appropriations. They contribute directly to available lines of communication between the Mississippi valley and the Pacific ocean. Let these roads include the digging of wells for water at convenient stations in the deserts to be crossed, and military stations here and there, at points affording a margin of soil capable of cultivation, and then, with a plentiful supply of camels, we shall scarcely feel the necessity of a Pacific Railroad for fifty years to come. At all events, it may require that length of time to build the railroad, even by the shortest route, it is proper that Congress should at once give us the several government wagon roads proposed in the aforesaid bill.

PERSEVERANCE AND FAITH WILL REMOVE MOUNTAINS.—Notwithstanding the tremendous onslaught that has been made upon Mr. MacMahon, who made her debut at the Academy about three weeks ago—in spite of the cold term, and the snow term, and the slush term, and the mud term, the Bond street tragedy, and other matters tending to depress public amusements—she has continued to act at the Chambers street theatre every night since. Her perseverance, or energy, or something else, has absolutely had such an excellent effect upon some of her assailants, including the Sunday papers, that they have changed their opinions about her acting. The same journals which indignantly ordered her off the stage now give her very nice, pleasant puns, which, under the circumstances, are worth—well, the current rates. If Mrs. MacMahon should continue a while longer, we may expect to hear that she "exceeds the electricity of genius," or that she "palpitates with perturbed perceptions of mental vitality," or some equally luminous remark. Mrs. MacMahon is one of the most remarkable women we ever heard of. Her faith, courage, perseverance and energy are wonderful, and the certainly means to deserve success, if she cannot command it.

spectators, how is it possible that the fruits of the lessons thus indidly inculcated should not exhibit themselves in their conduct? Every one recollects the impulse that was given to crime in London by the production of Jack Sheppard. With like influences at work amongst us, we cannot expect to escape the moral penalties which invariably follow in their train.

There is another influence to which the prevailing depravity may be traced, but which, unfortunately, is of a more general and permanent character. We allude to the peculiarity of our social tastes, which induces us to live in herds, instead of in families, like other communities. We believe that nothing tends more to break down the barriers of morality than the indiscriminate association of the sexes which takes place in our boarding houses and hotels. The habits of the house in which the unfortunate Burdell met his fate, are, it is to be feared, but too common a sample of the morals of many of these places. With the facilities for sin afforded by them, it is not to be wondered at that the marriage should prove but a delusion, and that the relations of parents and children should not endure much beyond childhood. Of the effect of such influences upon society in general it is unnecessary for us to speak. They are patent to us in the desecrations, the adulteries, the forgeries and the assassinations which daily take place, not only amongst the poor, but amongst the well born and educated.

THE PRESENT ASPECT OF THE BURDELL CASE.—The inquest in the case of Doctor Burdell, the victim of the late horrible murder in Bond street, held a short session yesterday, when several witnesses were examined. The daughters of Mrs. Cunningham were again before the jury. Nothing material was obtained from either of them. The younger daughter, when questioned as to whether she had seen any blood upon any of the garments of her mother or sister, complained of illness and was allowed to retire from the room. In the same way one of the sons of Mrs. Cunningham set up a great howl, on Saturday, when his examination approximated a material point of the case. Not intending to be harsh, we must say that a good deal of this looks like humbug. Here has a great crime been committed. These persons may not be able to tell us anything about the act itself, but they do know something of the relations between the Doctor and their mother. They must tell us all these things at some time or other; and if they believe in their mother's innocence they will have no objection to do so now. At any rate, we must have no more humbug or nonsense with them. It is not a time for flippancy on the part of one, or for a show of moral sensibility by the other. It seems now as if all the Cunninghams had tacitly agreed to say as little as possible, falling back upon the assertion that they know nothing of the murder, *per se*. The jury is not investigating the body of the crime. The evidence is deficient in physical circumstances, but the moral proof bears strongly against certain parties. The only clue so far obtained to the murderers is that some of the people in the house had a motive to kill him. The testimony of these young women would, if freely given, go far to show the strength of that motive and the causes which produced the peculiar state of feeling between the Doctor and the other parties residing in the house. It is possible that the case of Mrs. Cunningham may be damaged should her daughters speak out—it is certain that it will be if they do not.

We have now before us the testimony taken during nine days of investigation. The inevitable conclusions to be drawn from the present aspect of the testimony are as follows:—

1. That the Doctor was murdered with malice aforethought.

2. That the act was committed just before midnight and immediately after the Doctor entered his apartments.

3. That the time is fixed by two witnesses, one of whom heard the cry of "murder" at about eleven, and another who saw a man answering the general description of the Doctor enter the house at about the same hour.

4. That the act was committed by some persons resident in the house, or introduced for the purpose.

5. That the motive was not that of robbery or direct personal gain, but that the act was instigated by jealousy, hatred, revenge, disappointed ambition and a hope of obtaining, ultimately, some portion of the victim's estate, which he might prevent if he were allowed to live.

6. That the passions above enumerated are stronger with women than with men—a woman, when she is bad, being thoroughly so, because society will not believe that she can repent and reform; and therefore there is no encouragement for her to do so.

7. That no man would be likely to inflict fifteen states—nearly all fatal—upon the body of his victim. A slight woman might do so.

8. That Mrs. Cunningham had a motive to do the Doctor a mischief. She was extremely jealous. She set spies upon him. She listened to his conversations with his confidential friends. She visited brothels to obtain testimony of his infidelity. She set every one in the house against him. She twice renewed a suit for breach of promise against him. She attempts to prove a doubtful marriage with him. All relations of friendship between the parties have been broken off for two months before the murder, and the Doctor is so far afraid that he will be murdered by her or her friends that he will not eat or drink in the house, and begs a friend to come and live with him. There is no eye so sharp, no intellect so acute, as that of a jealous, intriguing woman. No movement of Burdell's escaped the observation of his partner. She knew